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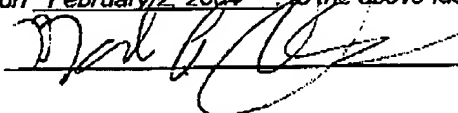
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/862,869
Applicant(s) : Honma *et al.*
Filed : May 22, 2001
Title : A Method for Caring for a Fabric Article and For Providing a System Therefor
TC/A.U. : 1751
Examiner : Margaret V. Einsmann
Conf. No. : 1083
Docket No. : AA472
Customer No. : 27752

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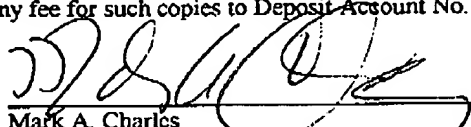
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Serial No.: 09/862,869 : Group Art Unit: 1751
Filed: May 22, 2001 : Examiner: Margaret V. EINSMANN

For: A METHOD FOR CARING FOR A FABRIC ARTICLE AND
FOR PROVIDING A SYSTEM THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.